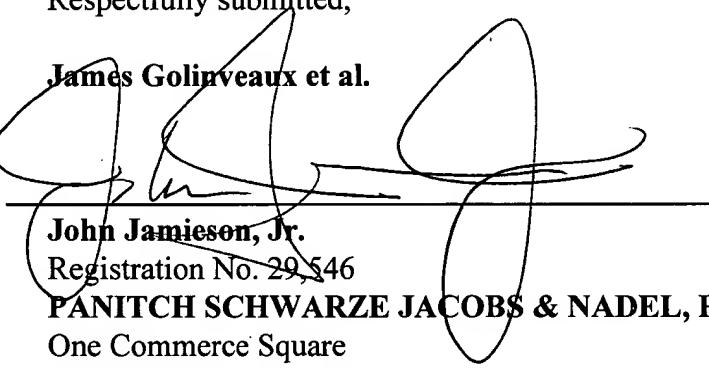


The subject matter of the application is a very valuable commercial property and applicants are already aware of competitors attempting to bring competing infringing products to market. Experience has proven that the best prior art is not always found in the files of the Patent Office. It is therefore prudent for applicants to obtain the widest possible scope of overlapping claim coverage they are able to obtain under the circumstances.

Consideration and entry of this Amendment is earnestly requested.

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